Intervention: Community-wide campaigns

Finding: Sufficient evidence for effectiveness

Potential partners to undertake the intervention:	
Nonprofits or local coalitions	⊠ Businesses or labor organizations
Schools or universities □	⊠Media
	□ Local public health departments
State public health departments	⊠Policymakers
☐Hospitals, clinics or managed care organizations	Other:

Background on the intervention:

Community-wide campaigns involve many community sectors in visible, broad-based and multiple interventions to increase physical activity. Communication techniques are a common element in these campaigns. Messages are often directed to large, undifferentiated audiences. Campaigns combine diverse media, such as television, radio, newspaper and other avenues.

Findings from the systematic reviews:

The Guide to Community Preventive Services reports strong evidence for effectiveness for this intervention. The Community Guide is a well respected source of evidence-based practices in public health. With guidance from the Task Force on Community Preventive Services, it summarizes what is known about the effectiveness, economic efficiency, and feasibility of interventions to promote community health and prevent disease for a variety of topics.

References:

Guide to Community Preventive Services - http://www.thecommunityguide.org/pa/default.htm